**Frontier Titan Forensics Competition Guidelines**

**Tournaments:**

ALL tournaments including league, state, national, and invitational

A team member’s ability to participate in a tournament is determined solely by the team coach/coaches. Coaches may reveal the reasons for their decisions to allow/not allow students to participate, but coaches have no obligation to do so. All forensics students must maintain at least a “c” grade in all their classes in order to be eligible for competition.

**Rationale:** Lack of preparation, poor behavior, poor attendance, poor grades in other classes, failure to meet deadlines, failure to arrange timely transportation to/from tournaments, poor sportsmanship, or lack of trust are many, but not all of, the issues considered when coach/coaches decide whether or not to enter students into tournaments.

**Preparation:** Any team member wishing to enter into a tournament must provide a complete copy of their case, speeches, Congress research, or other materials used/referenced during competition to the coach/coaches 5 school days prior to the tournament start date.

Any team member wishing to enter into a tournament must provide a updated “grade-check” or copy of their grades posted no earlier than 10 school days, but no later than 5 school days, before the tournament they wish to enter.

Students may not enter a tournament if they receive a suspension within 10 school days of the tournament start date.

**Team / Pairings** In team speech/debate pairings should support the students, the event, and the team as a whole. Team pairings are made solely at the discretion of the coach/coaches. While many students prefer to choose their partners, and are encouraged to do so, the coach/coaches must approve all pairings. In addition, should the coach/coaches decide that a new pairing is desirable, students will be re-paired.

**Dress:**

Team speech/debate has a dress code just like other sports and activities. Individual students represent themselves, their team, their school and their communities while participating in competitive speech/debate. Therefore, student dress for tournaments must be professional . Team members are required to have their competition clothes/shoes/accessories approved by the coach/coaches prior to the day of a competition. Clothing not approved by the coach/coaches may result in a student being dropped from a competition.

All clothing must be clean and wrinkle free. Hair must be clean, neat, and not covering student’s eyes. Preferred colors are dark blue, grey, black, or brown. Females may wear flats or pumps with low heels. No denim pants are allowed.

Males must wear dress shoes including loafers, wingtips, etc. At no time may a student compete in tennis shoes, moccasins, sandals, etc.

Collared shirts with button fronts are mandatory for male competitors. Golf shirts, t-shirts, od other casual shirts may not be worn. Male students must wear a tie of a cut and color that is professional. Males must wear dress pants. Denim, or corduroy, is not acceptable. Male students are encouraged to wear sport coats or suit jackets if possible.

Skirts must be at or below the knee. No cleavage should be visible at any time. Piercings and other jewelry must be conservative. Tattoos are to be covered if at all possible. Heels are to be professional in height.

By signing this document, I acknowledge that I have read, understood, and agree to the team rules described above.

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